

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

IT was a large and noisy crowd we joined on that long to be remembered day four years ago. No need to say we felt as green as any freshmen are capable of. But after words of advice generously given, we were ready to begin the task, which would end gloriously or otherwise in four years. After fully reaping the benefits of initiation, which was duly administered to us, we, the class of 1919, were among those who voted to abolish this ancient custom.

Altho inexperienced along these new lines we successfully conducted our first class meeting and elected as our president, Balmer Gorham.

Even in this our first year, many of our boys showed some natural ability along athletic lines. Our first party was a real success as everything we attempted, was destined to be.

It was in a far different state of mind we started out on our second year, we were now the sophomore class. This year John Delamater was elected as president; Mary Ruth Sanford, vice-president; Elva Wilbur, secretary and treasurer. Our annual Sophomore prom was a success as usual. Many of our members became efficient and necessary in the athletic contests of the year. Five men on the football team and two on the basketball team came from this class.

A different atmosphere had been created which noticeably affected our third year, namely, we were engaged in the great world war. We were not to be noted only for athletics, but three of our members answered the call to colors. Six of our classmen were on the football team and we were as well represented in basketball. We elected Elmer Pease president; Eva Orser, vice-president who all did their part in making the Junior Hop one of the most successful of typical wartime parties. Each time our assistance was needed in helping along some worthy cause we never failed to respond with the best we possessed.

Sidney Kennedy has ably assumed the duties of President during this our last year, Gertrude Mae Dodds, vice-president; George Middlesworth, secretary and Louis Meyer treasurer. Our class has furnished the Captains for the athletic teams. Literary societies have been led and faithfully supported by Seniors. Plans for the annual play, "Mrs. Temple's

Telegram" are rapidly progressing. Many seniors hold principal parts in the operetta, "Miss Cherry Blossom."

All rules of preceding years were broken when our principal's friendly desk and self were moved to the back of the room so as to more ably watch the good deeds of these dignified seniors.

So to-day, as in all other worthy movements this class of 1919 is lending their support to the movement of a new High School, even tho they will not reap the manifest benefits, they can as usual, look ahead for the future senior classes and hope that they will make the best of whatever they have, as the preceding classes have done.

Thus, we have achieved a milestone in our careers. For four years we have striven valiantly to attain the highest ideals and now we have reached the goal which has been kept in mind during these long difficult years. Perhaps some of us look back somewhat regretfully upon the lessons we shirked, tricks we played and opportunities for advancement we missed.